

## **OLD FASHIONED HOLY GHOST POWER**

### **Acts 1:8**

**Introduction:** Everybody has their own opinion about power. Some say it's personality, some that it is money, others that knowledge. That may be so in regard to one's knowledge and experience but nobody mentioned that the Holy Spirit is power. Maybe because not many are aware that there is such a thing as "old fashioned Holy Ghost power." There have been men through the centuries like Moody, Spurgeon, and Truett who had none of what most think generates power. However, they did have the Holy Spirit and their preaching turned the world upside down in many lives as countless men and women came to know the Lord Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit. The greatest power on earth is HOLY SPIRIT/GHOST POWER.

### **I. OLD FASHIONED HOLY GHOST POWER CAN BE HAD TODAY**

1. There is but one way to experience such power and that is through total obedience.
  - Pray, yes, but complete obedience to the Holy Spirit.
  - Study the Bible, yes, but total obedience to the Holy Spirit.
  - Doing whatever the Holy Spirit reveals for you to do and don't stop - ever.
2. The Holy Spirit can be found in prayer meetings.
  - The Holy Spirit can be found in summer retreats.
  - The Holy Spirit can be found in Bible conferences.
  - By doing what the Holy Spirit tells you to do, your life will become vibrantly alive.
    - It is obedience - obedience - obedience!
3. Very few Christians do not know very much about the Holy Spirit because they have not obeyed.
4. Thousands of Baptist Churches did not baptize a single person this past year and there will be thousands that will not baptize anyone this year. So sad and preventable.
  - The Holy Spirit gives spiritual conceptions (spiritual thoughts).
  - The Holy Spirit gives the power and ability to live the kind of life God wants us to live.
  - The Holy Spirit gives courage for us to face the devil and courage to face life.

### **II. THE HOLY GHOST/SPIRIT WILL MAKE ONE CHRIST-LIKE**

1. Can you think of ten people you know personally who are so caught up with the Lord Jesus, who are so afire for Him, who are so different from the rest of the world, even church members?
  - If the Bible teaches anything at all about Christians, it is that every Christian can be and should be outstanding.
    - Not to be a preacher - not to be a Sunday School teacher - not to be the pianist or organist, but an ordinary, outstanding Christian.
2. There is only one way to become Christ-like and the Holy Spirit is the only means through our complete, total obedience to Him, doing everything exactly as He reveals to us.
3. More talent is not needed but more goodness. More money is not needed but more virtue, more Christ-likeness.
4. There is only one way to be Christ-like and that is through the Holy Spirit and our obedience.

### **III. THE HOLY GHOST/SPIRIT WILL CAUSE US TO BE MORE COMPASSIONATE**

1. No one is compassionate by nature. We are all born selfish, just notice our children. Everyone you know is selfish to some degree but the Holy Spirit can change that to compassion.  
- *Acts 3:1-8*
2. The disciples showed selfishness when they tried to keep little children away from the Lord and when they told blind Bartimaeus to be quiet and not bother Jesus.
3. When the Holy Spirit came, what happened to all these selfish men and women? (*Acts 3:6*)  
- They became compassionate.
4. How many compassionate Christians do you know? Think about your Church Family.  
- Do they have compassion when they go visiting?  
- Are they afraid to go visit the lost? That church member who dropped out?  
- Sadly, when come go visiting, it is half-heartedly.
5. Most Christians shed more tears over their sick cat or dog or a pet that died than they ever have over the lost, unsaved, dying and going to hell people they know, even their own families.  
- Jesus wept! Peter wept! Paul wept! So why don't we?

### **IV. THE HOLY GHOST/SPIRIT WILL MAKE US COMPETENT, ABLE**

1. The Holy Ghost/Spirit made the apostles able, effective, efficient, victorious.  
- Remember the same apostles before Pentecost how unable they were to heal a little boy and Jesus then healed him.  
- They asked Jesus why they failed. He told them they were faithless and prayerless.  
- After Pentecost (*Acts 3:6*) all things changed. What the Holy Spirit enabled Peter to do He can do for us. The Holy Spirit/Ghost made Peter able to do what he did.

### **CONCLUSION:**

1. Are you satisfied as you are with your Christian life or do you want to be more Christ-like?
2. Are you willing to be what the Holy Spirit wants you to be? Are you willing to do what the Holy Spirit wants you to do? Are you willing to go where the Holy Spirit wants you to go? Are you willing to give up all to become what the Holy Spirit wants you to become?
3. Are you willing to completely, totally obey the Holy Spirit?
4. If you are willing to give yourself completely to the Holy Spirit, then tell Him and then do it.